

Appl. No. 09/444,083
Amdt. dated January 26, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 20 and 22-29 of the present case were allowed on June 17, 2003. The issue fee was paid on September 15, 2003.

In an Amendment dated March 4, 2002, Applicants' attorney inadvertently presented erroneous statements concerning independent claim 25 in response to a 102(a) rejection in view of PCT application WO 97/46197 published December 11, 1997 in the name of Kling et al. (see Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, Paper No. 12). The erroneous statements constitute the first two paragraphs of page 5 of Applicants' Amendment dated March 4, 2002. The statements are erroneous in that they are directed only to specific side panel configurations embraced by claim 25, rather than to the full scope of claim 25. Claim 25 is entitled to broader scope than those erroneous statements would suggest. Consequently, to avoid any confusion as to the scope of claim 25 based on those inadvertent and erroneous statements, Applicants request that independent claim 25, and claims 26-28 which depend therefrom, be canceled from the present application without prejudice.

Claims 20, 22-24 and 29 remain in condition for allowance.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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Respectfully submitted,

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